Session ince, out of that Part of the Kingdom of Great-Britain, called Laws Wales, and settle within this Province; such Person or Persons, and their Servants, or any Slaves that they may or shall purchase at any Time within Ten Years hereafter mentioned, shall not be deemed, reputed or taken as Taxable Persons within this Province, but shall be exempt and exonerated from the Paying of any Levies for the Space of Ten Years from the Time of such Person or Persons and their Servants coming into this Province; any Law, Statute, Usage or Custom to the contrary thereof, in any wise, notwithstanding.

Provided always, And it is the true Intent and Meaning of this Act, That if any Person or Persons, and their Servants, so transporting themselves into this Province, or their Slaves, shall at any Time within the said Term of Ten Years after such their coming into and settling in this Province, plant or tend any Tobacco, such Person or Persons so planting and tending Tobacco, their Servants and Slaves shall from thenceforth be excluded and deprived of any the Benefits and Priviledges of this Act granted them, and shall from thenceforth be deemed and taken as Taxable Persons within this Province, and be chargeable to pay such Levies or Taxes as are or hereafter may be assessed on the Taxable Inhabitants within this Province; any thing herein before contained to the contrary thereof, in any wise, notwithstanding.

This Act to continue, from the Twenty Fifth Day of March, which shall be in the Year of our Lord Seventeen Hundred and Twenty Seven, until the Twenty Fifth Day of March, which shall be in the Year of our Lord Seventeen Hundred and Thirty Seven.

Chap. VI [Wm Parks compilation, 1727, p. 295]

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County; and for Erecting Part thereof into a new Parish.

Whereas it is represented to this present General Assembly, by the Parishioners of St. John's Parish aforesaid, That the said Parish is of too large Extent to be served by one Minister, the said Parish being about Four-score Miles in Length, and Twenty in Breadth, consisting of Thirteen Hundred and Thirty Six Taxables, the Forty per Poll whereof amounts to Fifty Three Thousand Four Hundred and Forty Pounds of Tobacco, besides Perquisites. And therefore the said Parishioners of St. John's Parish aforesaid, humbly prayed, that the said Parish might be divided in Manner following, viz. That Piscattaway and New-Scotland Hundreds, containing about Seven Hundred and Ninety One Taxables, which yield Thirty One Thousand Six Hundred and Forty Pounds of Tobacco per Annum, besides Perquisites, be hereafter reputed and taken as the full Extent of St. John's Parish aforesaid; and that Eastern-Branch, Rock-Creek and Pattownack Hundreds, containing about Five Hundred and Forty Five Taxables, and yielding